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REAP BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2016

11:45 a.m.

Front Range Airport, Watkins, CO

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Gary Duke, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The following Board Members were present:

Rod Bockenfeld	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Cyndi Delaney
Gary Duke	Ivy Fischer	Michelle Gayeski	Mark Harding
Kirk Howell	Frank Linnebur	Gary May	Paul Rosenberg
Glenn Rotkovich	Kent Vashus	Jeff Vogel	

Board Members not present:

Charles Bayley	Glenn Conser	Kristi Cranston	Rick Cranston
Kathy Dean	Kristina Greeno	Al Holcomb	Monica Johnson
Norm Johnson	Sandra Johnson	Mike LeClair	Grider Lee
Mark Linnebur	Neal Mancuso	Terry NeSmith	Jan Pawlowski
Brad Pierce	Matt Reay	Dave Ruppel	Louis Salazar
Kevin Schott	Tom Turrell	Dennis Veal	Jan Yeckes
Becky Zierer			

Guests attending were:

Libbie	Adams	Adams County
Zack	Angotti	High Plains Bank
Janet	Cook	Arapahoe Commissioner Candidate
Matt	Crane	Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder
Karl	Dakin	Greenhouse District
Cady	Dawson	Arapahoe County Trails Consultant
Angie	Graf	Strasburg Recreation District
Roger	Harvey	Arapahoe County
Kevin	Hougen	Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack	Keever	Reap
Jennifer	Lien	Siemens
Josh	Liss	IREA
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Carter	Marshall	Design Concepts
David	Pump	Peak Vista
Aaron	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Jen	Rutter	Adams County
Chris	Simmons	Adams County
Matt	Snider	Candidate State Representative
Trish	Stiles	Town of Bennett
Beth	Taylor	Peak Vista
Alan	White	Arapahoe County
Wayne	Walvoord	Retired Consultant
Alan	White	Arapahoe County
Ray	Winn	Arapahoe County

Approval of the June 9, 2016 Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:**Executive Director Report:**

Jack Keever asked Kathy Mahan to report on the upcoming agritourism event on September 24th & 25th at May Farms. Participants involved with the Colorado High Plains Adventure are having a two day free festival that showcases animals, products and fun things to do for the whole family. Three animal sanctuaries will be bringing their animals and educating the public about their work. Included in the event will be demonstrations on spinning, weaving and a greenhouse tour of the newly build agtion production facility located at May Farms.

Jack introduced and welcomed Chris Simmons, the newly hired oil and gas liaison for Adams County.

Guest Speakers:

Kevin Hougen, President of the Aurora Chamber talked about the citizen initiated measures already qualified on the 2016 ballot. Amendment 69 would create a new state healthcare system called Colorado Care. Initiative 101 would increase the minimum wage to \$12.00 over the course of 3 years. Initiative 145 is the medical aid in dying initiative which authorizes a physician to prescribe medical aid in dying medication to terminally ill individuals. Initiative 96 is called "Raise the Bar" that requires a certain number of signatures be gathered from each state senate district to place a constitutional initiative on the ballot, under current law changes to the constitution only require a simple majority, this would change the requirement to 55 percent of all votes cast. Initiative 143 is the tobacco tax that increases state tax on a pack of cigarettes from \$.84 to \$2.59. Other citizen initiatives that still may qualify once signatures are verified are: Initiative 75 – local control of oil and gas development, Initiative 78 – mandatory setback from oil and gas development, Initiative 98 – open primary elections and Initiative 140 – presidential primary election initiative.

Matt Crane, Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder talked about the new and improved voting system in Arapahoe County. The new system allows in person voting options on a touch screen tablet and printers for voters to mark and print their ballots. The ballots are then tabulated using desktop scanners instead of voting machines. The ballot has also changed to ovals to mark your vote rather than arrows. Ballot Track is a free service for voters to track their mail in ballots online. A Quick response code (QR) is now available to track the nearest voting center and wait times. Matt reminded everyone to vote early to avoid lines and be removed from campaign call lists. Mail out ballots will be sent out beginning October 17th.

Roger Harvey with Arapahoe County Open Space introduced Cady Dawson who is the consultant for the Arapahoe County Master Trails Plan who works for Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig. The initial phase of the master trails plan, phase 1 began in June this year to gather information about the community's vision for the bike and pedestrian network, this phase ends in September 2016. Phase 2 runs from October 2016 to January 2017, they will be gathering specific input about problem areas and missing trail connections. Phase 3 begins in February 2017 to April 2017 for public review and input on the draft network of bicycles and pedestrian facilities and priorities for implementation. A website has been developed for the public to monitor progress, provide input and get involved with the plan, the website is www.ARAPAHOEBIKEPED.com.

Rebecca Zamora, Adams County Neighborhood Liaison reported that Adams County's trail system currently has 26.2 miles of trails in Unincorporated Adams County. Adams County is attending a meeting with Arapahoe County on September 21st to collaborate efforts for a smooth trails transition between county lines.

Other Business:

The next Reap meeting is scheduled for October 13th at Front Range Airport.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.